

Patriotic Parrot

People back in 1909 in Arizona were so hot that they all tried their hardest to drink as much water, and stay as hydrated as possible. They also hung up their soaking wet sheets out on their front patio. They would sleep out there and when the wind blew, the water would blow on them and make the people feel cooler!

One hot June day back in 1909, Avery, a young ten-year-old girl, was giving her pet parrot, Coolio, a nice and cool bath. Suddenly, she realized that Coolio's feathers on his head had begun to fall off! A few days had passed, and Avery continued to wonder why her parrot's feathers were falling off. She finally made the decision to visit her neighbor, Dr. A.J. Chandler. Dr. Chandler invited them into his new office. "What is the problem?" he asked.

"Well," said Avery nervously, "a few days ago, I was bathing my parrot, Coolio and I suddenly saw his feathers falling off one by one! Is there anything we can do to help Coolio's feathers grow back? I want him cured by the Mesa Fourth of July Festival. There was a moment of silence while Dr. Chandler was deeply thinking.

"Hmmm..." he began. "I have just the medicine to help Coolio. But his feathers might not grow back by the festival. Why don't you sew him a red, white, and blue costume? He could go to the festival as a bald eagle? You know, since it is the Fourth of July, and he is a bird?" he asked.

"That's a great idea!" exclaimed Avery. As Dr. Chandler was handing her the medicine, she realized that his office was cooler than her house. Dr. Chandler presented to Avery a new invention that he just bought. "Wow! That thingamajig looks amazing!"

"This thingamajig is actually called an evaporative air cooling system. It makes you feel about eleven degrees cooler," said Dr. Chandler proudly.

"This invention is really going to help people in Mesa!" Avery said amazed. Avery took the medicine from Dr. Chandler, and said, "What kind of medicine is this anyway? Is it a syrup medicine, or one of those little pill medicines for pets that you use twice a day?" she asked curiously.

"Yes, it is a syrup medicine for pets, but you need to head back home so you can go and sew that bald eagle costume for Coolio!" said Dr. Chandler quickly.

"Yeah, you're right. I better start heading home! Thank you so much for helping me out though!" Avery said politely.

"No problem! Come back anytime you have a problem! Bye!! I hope the bald eagle costume goes well!!" he yelled while she was already on her way.

When Avery returned home, she quickly went to sew Coolio's costume. A few hours later, she had finished Coolio's costume, and they were off to the Mesa Fourth of July Festival!

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A month went by, and one day Avery had finally noticed that all of Coolio's feathers had grown back! She had noticed that when Coolio's feathers had grown back, it was the same time that the season had changed to fall. She had figured out that it was just the heat making Coolio's feathers fall off! "Well, now we know that we should keep Coolio away from the sun next summer!!!" Avery joked.